

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Abolition of the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

23. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of abolishing the Administrative Board, Medical Services, and reviving the office of the Darbar Physician in its place, as of old?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Administrative Board, Medical Services, was constituted as an experimental measure. The Government have no idea at present of abolishing the Board.

Second Class Magistrates.

24. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the total number of Second Class Magistrates in the State are acting;

(b) how long each of them has been acting;

(c) the number of Second Class Magistrates' places permanently vacant; and

(d) if there are permanent vacancies, the reasons for not confirming the acting men?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b) The member is referred to the *Civil List*.

(c) and (d) There are two permanent vacancies. The question of filling them up is under consideration.

MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): സ്ഥിരം ഒഴിവുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ എത്ര കാലമായി?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): സ്ഥിരമായിരണ്ടു ഒഴിവുകൾ മാത്രമെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളൂ.

MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഇതുവരെ ആ ഒഴിവുകളിൽ എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ് ആൾ നിയമിക്കാത്തത്?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ശാസമായിട്ടു ആലോചിക്കുകയാണ്?

PRESIDENT: You must answer in English.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Principal, College of Arts.

25. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the objectionable remarks about Mar Dionysius, the Metropolitan, made by Mr. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Principal, His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Arts, Trivandrum, at the time of his inspection of the Tum-paman School as the Ag. Director of Public Instruction;

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(b) whether they have received copies of the resolutions regarding this matter passed at meetings held in various places in Travancore, Cochin and British India under the presidency of influential leaders of the localities;

(c) whether their attention has been drawn to the protests made by many leading newspapers in the State regarding the matter;

(d) whether they have received any complaints either from the people or from any of the Christian religious heads;

(e) whether they are aware that the objectionable remarks made by Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar about Mar Dionysius, the Metropolitan, who is one of the religious heads of the Christians numbering more than 12 lakhs in the State, have created great unrest, discontent and heart-burning among the subjects of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent; and

(f) if they have not yet taken any action in regard to this matter, whether they will consider the advisability of conducting an enquiry either directly or through the Director of Public Instruction or an officer specially deputed for the purpose?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Their attention has been drawn to certain remarks alleged to have been made.

(b) to (d) Yes.

(e) The Government are aware that the alleged remarks have caused discontent to some people in the country.

(f) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET—(Contd.)

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*):

Shall we resume the general discussion on the budget, Sir?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*):

Sir, I have carefully looked into the budget submitted for the consideration of the House by the Financial Secretary. The budget shows distinct signs of improvement inasmuch as the Financial Secretary has made votable items which were not votable up till now. The diagrams relating to expenditure, salary and other establishment charges are indeed very useful and have lightened the work of the members and I am thankful to him. While Mr. Ramasubba Aiyar has my entire sympathy, I regret I cannot give him my unqualified support in all that he says. In para 7 of his speech, he invites the attention of the members to a statement of expenditure against grants and draws pointed attention to the fact that this is the first time that such a statement has been placed before the House. I wish to draw the attention of Mr. Ramasubba Aiyar to the fact that it is not so. Till the year 1101, a pamphlet under the caption, "Appropriation Report," was being placed before the House.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): But it was not part of the budget.